



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

Still Too Dry

DE-CW2407

September 4, 2007

It is still very dry and we are getting some reports of insect infestation. There were **7.0** days suitable for field work.

Corn and **Soybeans** are in very poor to good condition. **Potato** harvest is behind schedule with 67 percent harvested compared with 92 percent last year and 80 percent for the five-year average.

Apples were rated 2 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 48 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. **Apples** are 31 percent harvested and **Peaches** are 94 percent harvested.

Pastures were in very poor to good condition with 31 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 29 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** were 10 percent very short, 56 percent short, 31 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 2, 2007

Item		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Five Year Average
Percent					
<u>Field Crops</u>					
Corn	Dent	88	83	90	74
	Mature	52	39	66	39
Harvested for Grain		6	1	8	4
Soybeans	Setting Pods	87	62	89	83
	Turning Color Pods	20	12	12	7
	Dropping Leaves	11	7	7	3
<u>Hay</u>					
Alfalfa Hay	3 rd Cutting	100	99	91	88
	4 th Cutting	27	23	35	26
Other Hay	3 rd Cutting	62	55	80	74
<u>Vegetables Harvested</u>					
Cantaloups		81	76	82	84
Cucumbers		74	68	80	79
Lima Beans		36	24	46	39
Potatoes		67	55	92	80
Snap Beans		90	86	94	91
Sweet Corn		93	83	89	84
Tomatoes		84	77	82	73
Watermelons		85	80	88	84
<u>Fruits Harvested</u>					
Apples		31	26	20	25
Peaches		94	90	91	91

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 2, 2007

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This	Last	Five Year	This	Last	Five Year
	Week	Week	Average	Week	Week	Average
Very Short	7	10	-	19	20	-
Short	52	41	-	43	36	-
Adequate	41	49	-	38	44	-
Surplus	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 2, 2007

	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.00	23.08	-4.80	88	57	75	2
Frederick	0.00	25.64	-1.03	87	56	73	5
Frostburg	0.53	30.30	-2.87	82	49	67	3
Hagerstown	0.19	18.42	-7.90	86	56	72	2
Mechanicsville	0.00	21.80	-9.14	86	57	73	1
Patuxent River	0.00	20.74	-8.10	89	59	76	4
Ocean City	0.02	19.53	-12.09	88	58	73	1
Salisbury	0.01	20.73	-10.96	91	50	72	-2
Sharpsburg	0.01	23.72	-2.95	88	50	72	4
Stevensville	0.00	23.93	-4.94	86	57	75	3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.18	21.11	-5.19	88	63	77	2
Delaware							
Dover	0.17	23.23	-6.92	85	57	73	-1
Georgetown	0.02	21.27	-9.50	90	56	74	2
Wilmington	0.00	28.81	0.81	87	55	74	2

¹ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M on recorded date
Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.